POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
The Eighth Chapter

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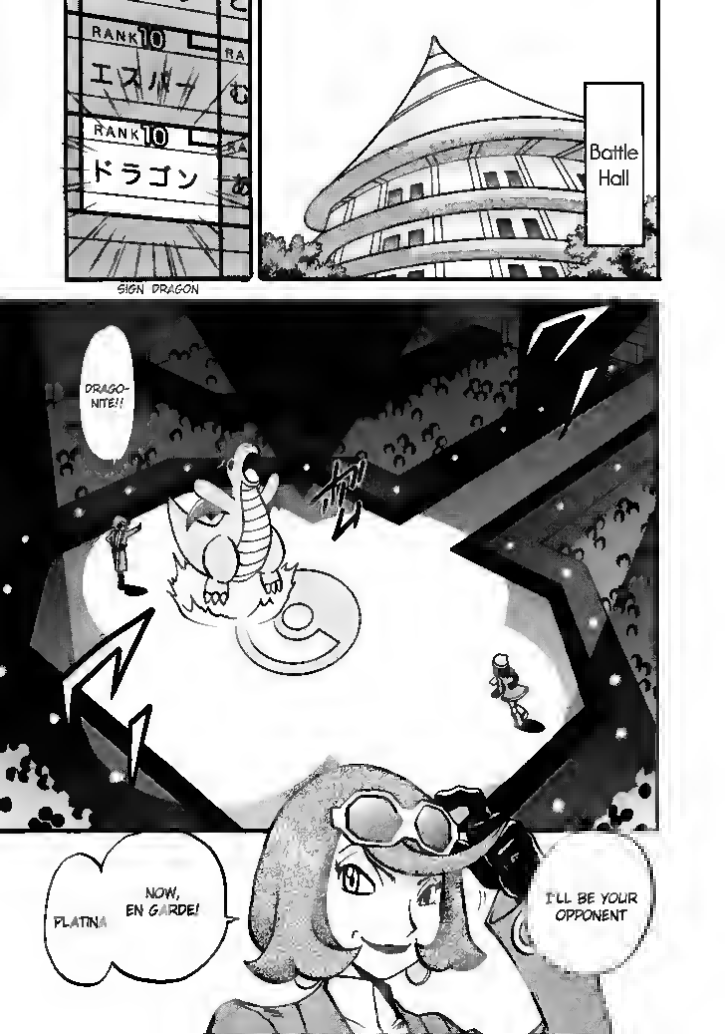
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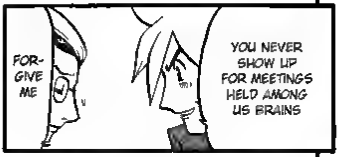
Battle Hall
SIGN DRAGON
DRAGO-NITE!!
PLATINA
NOW, EN GARDE!
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT

FROS-LASS!!
BACK KING
COME IN
KNOCK KNOCK

THANKS FOR COMING, DARACH!

EXCUSE ME


FOR-GIVE ME
YOU NEVER SHOW UP FOR MEETINGS HELD AMONG US BRAINS

BUT THANKS FOR COMING HERE DESPITE ALL THAT
I KNOW

AND AS I'M HER VALET PLEASE PARDON ME
THE BATTLE CASTLE IS INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED BY ITS OWNER, LADY CAITLIN

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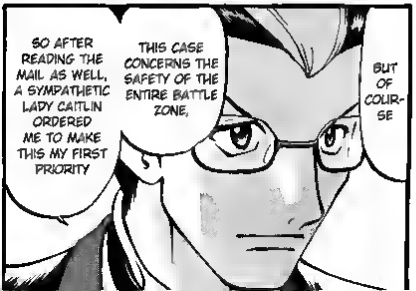
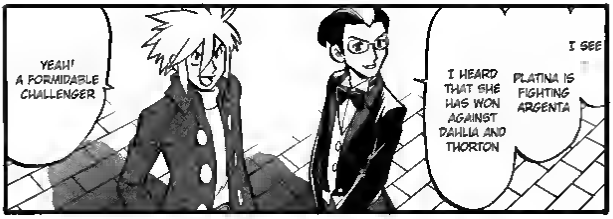
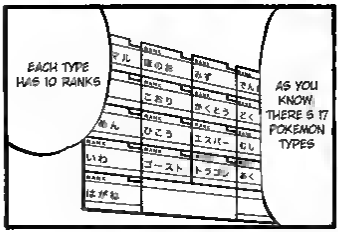
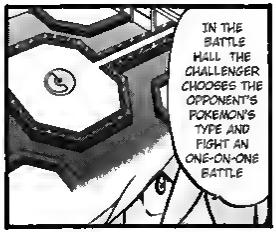

SO AFTER READING THE MAIL AS WELL, A SYMPATHETIC LADY CAITLIN ORDERED ME TO MAKE THIS MY FIRST PRIORITY
THIS CASE CONCERNS THE SAFETY OF THE ENTIRE BATTLE ZONE,
BUT OF COUR-SE

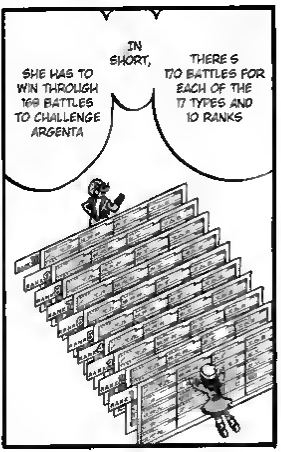

I SEE
PLATINA IS FIGHTING ARGENTA
I HEARD THAT SHE HAS WON AGAINST DAHLIA AND THORTON
YEAH! A FORMIDABLE CHALLENGER


AS YOU KNOW THERE S 17 POKEMON TYPES
EACH TYPE HAS 10 RANKS


IN THE BATTLE HALL THE CHALLENGER CHOOSES THE OPPONENT'S POKEMON'S TYPE AND FIGHT AN ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE

IT'S QUITE AN OVER-WHELMING CHALLENGE
PLATINA HAS FOUGHT FOR TWO DAYS WITHOUT REST

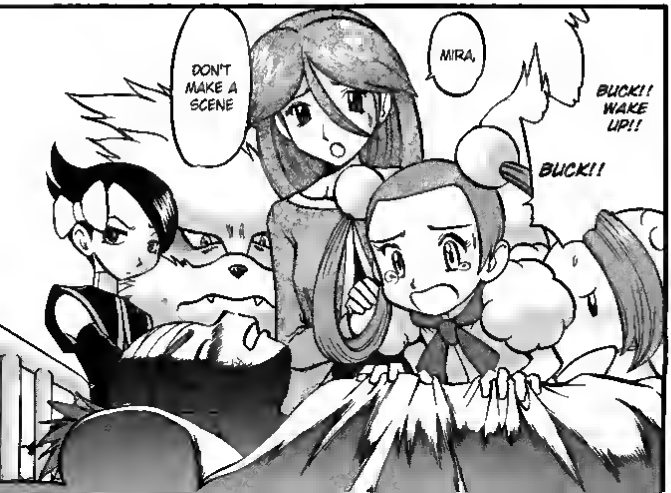
WHY WOULD SHE GO TO SUCH EX-TREMES .

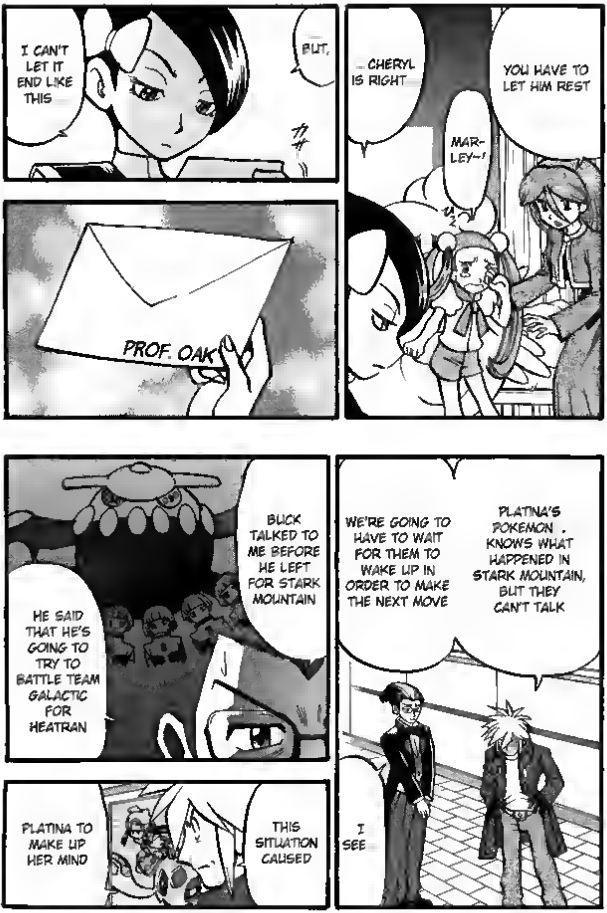

IN SHORT,
THERE S 170 BATTLES FOR EACH OF THE 17 TYPES AND 10 RANKS
SHE HAS TO WIN THROUGH 169 BATTLES TO CHALLENGE ARGENTA

TWO DAYS AGO...
RIGHT AFTER SHE WON OVER THORTON
COME OVER HERE, MISS
?
FROS-LASS!!
PACHI-RISU!!
CHER-RIM!!
EARLIER, I NOTICED THAT THEY WERE STANDING THERE AND LOOKING IN THIS DIRECTION
DO THEY BELONG TO YOU?
YES!!
I MADE THEM GO TO STARK MOUNTAIN...
BUT THEY HAVE COME BACK!!

DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN!?
BUCK!
MR. LOO-KER!

AND INTERNATIONAL POLICE INSPECTOR LOOKER...
BUCK FROM "THE BATTLE-GROUND"
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
PHEW
THAT'S WHEN ARGENTA AND I KNEW THAT THE "POKEMON-CONTROLLING MACHINE" WAS LOCATED IN STARK MOUNTAIN
THEY'RE BOTH IN THE FRONTIER FIRST AID STATION
THEY'RE STILL UNCONSCIOUS IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TOUGH BATTLE


DON'T MAKE A SCENE
MIRA,
BUCK!! WAKE UP!!
BUCK!!


I CAN'T LET IT END LIKE THIS
BUT,
PROF. OAK
...CHERYL IS RIGHT
YOU HAVE TO LET HIM REST
MAR-LEY--!
BUCK TALKED TO ME BEFORE HE LEFT FOR STARK MOUNTAIN
HE SAID THAT HE'S GOING TO TRY TO BATTLE TEAM GALACTIC FOR HEATRAN
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEM TO WAKE UP IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE
PLATINA'S POKEMON . KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED IN STARK MOUNTAIN, BUT THEY CAN'T TALK
I SEE
THIS SITUATION CAUSED
PLATINA TO MAKE UP HER MIND

I HAVE TO GET STRONGER... FOR INEVITABLE BATTLE"... THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!!
"IF I MUST WAIT, THEN I'LL USE THE TIME TO TRAIN MYSELF!
SO THAT'S WHY
SHE CHALLENGED ARGENTA...
"ICE SHARD" !!

HMPH.
YOU MUST HAVE INTENTIONALLY PICKED DRAGON TYPE TO YOUR FROSLASS'S ADVANTAGE...
BUT DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN WIN OVER A "RANK 10" POKEMON WITH JUST A TYPE ADVANTAGE
FROS-LASS...
WHEN WE FIRST MET IN SNOWPOINT GYM...
WE WERE OPPO-NENTS, RIGHT?
YOU WERE CANDICE'S POKEMON, AND FIERCE OPPONENT
AFTER THAT, YOU WERE GIVEN TO ME, AND BECAME PART OF MY TEAM

I KNEW YOUR ABILITY, NATURE, MOVES, ATTACK STATS, DEFENSE STATS, AND SPEED... EVERYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF
...BUT
AFTER WINNING 169 BATTLES TOGETHER HERE, I THINK I REALLY UNDERSTAND YOU NOW
EVEN THOUGH THE OPPONENT IS A DRAGON TYPE, IT'S STILL A "RANK 10" DRAGONITE
BUT YOU
CAN WIN, RIGHT!?
"STEEL WING"!!

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THIS IS THE POWER OF "RANK 10"
"SUPER EFFECTIVE"
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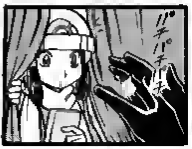
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT IT WASN'T KNOCKED OUT AFTER TAKING MY TRUMP CARD, "STEEL WING"...!!

BABIRI BERRY .....!!
I SEE... IT WAS HOLDING ONTO A BERRY THAT PREVENTED STEEL MOVES FROM BEING SUPER EFFECTIVE
EVEN SHE WAS DEFEATED...!!
AHEM
MR. PALMER, CAN WE PLEASE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?
OH— YES

OVER HERE
DID YOU FIND IT!?
AFTER BEING ASKED BY PLATINA, I DID SOME RESEARCH MYSELF
SO IT HAS A MASSIVE LIBRARY
OUR CASTLE HAS BEEN HERE SINCE THE ANCIENT TIMES,

OHH !!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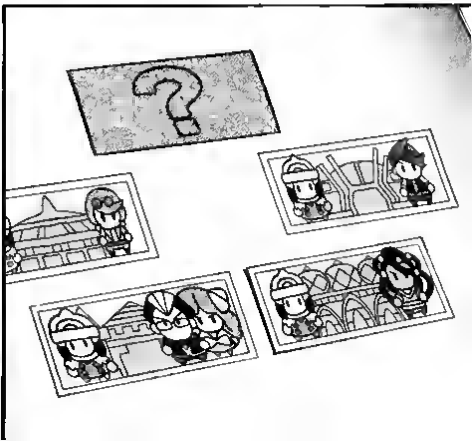


CONGRATS ON BEATING THE BATTLE HALL
MR PALMER
YOU BEAT FOUR FACILITIES IN SUCH A SHORT TIME
YOU MUST BE STRONGER THAN WE THOUGHT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

YOU HAVE A RESOLVE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO DO WHATEVER YOU SET YOUR HEART TO
YOU WANTED TO FIND THE WAY TO GO TO THE DISTORTION WORLD NO MATTER WHAT
YOU WANTED TO GET STRONGER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, RIGHT?
YES!

HEHE WHAT A STRONG GAZE
NOW I KNOW WHY ALL OF THOSE STRONG TRAINERS ARE OFFERING THEIR HELP
COME WITH ME

AND... MR. DARACH.
MR. THOR-TON,

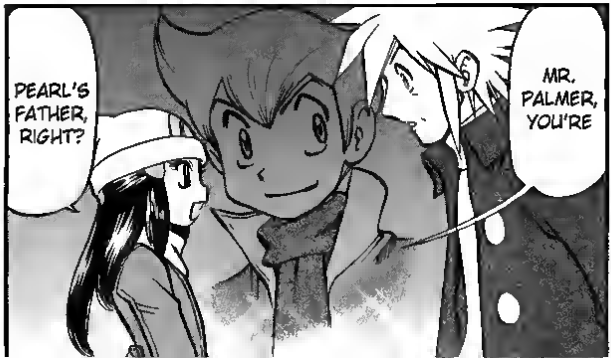
DARACH LOOKED FOR ARTICLES RELATED TO THE "DISTORTION WORLD" IN THE BATTLE CASTLE'S MASSIVE LIBRARY
A SPY ROBOT FROM TEAM GALACTIC THAT RILEY ACQUIRED
THORTON IS FIXING
HE'S USING HIS AURA POWERS TO LOOK FOR CLUES
HE'S RILEY OF IRON ISLAND

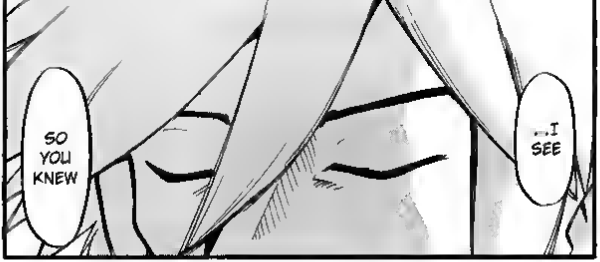
EVERYONE HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY YOUR DETERMINATION
AND INSPIRED TO ACT
AS YOU KNOW, THE WAVES OF THE "POKEMON-CONTROLLING MACHINE" WERE DISRUPTING THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER
IT HAS GOTTEN WORSE IN THESE PAST FEW DAYS
IT'S NO LONGER JUST DISRUPTING THE SYSTEM!
THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS NOW COMPLETELY ISOLATED!
IT HAS GOTTEN THAT BAD...!?
YEAH
ALL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE ONE AMONG ALL FACILITIES ARE DOWN
WE CAN'T CONTACT THE SINNOH MAINLAND
AND WE CAN'T USE THE "POKEMON STORAGE SYSTEM"
I WON'T ALLOW SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN TO A FACILITY OF MINE
NO, NOT JUST ME...

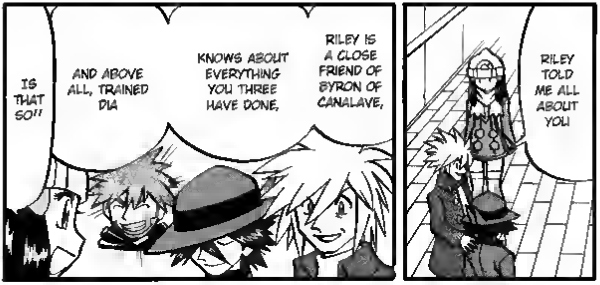
AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE, EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT RIGHT! WE'LL MAKE THEM RIGHT!
SO, JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER!

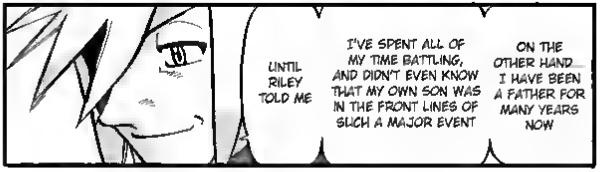
I KNOW
I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE OTHER DAY BUT MY SON...
THIS REASSURING FEELING... IT'S JUST LIKE WHEN I WAS WITH THOSE TWO
I CAN FEEL HOPE

THEN, TWO DAYS AGO, YOU SAID...
I THOUGHT OF AN IMPORTANT FRIEND
WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU ON THE MONITOR IN THE BATTLE ARCADE...


PEARL'S FATHER, RIGHT?
MR. PALMER, YOU'RE

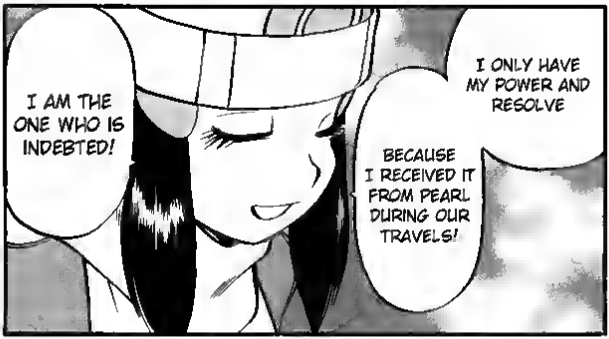

...I SEE
SO YOU KNEW


RILEY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU
RILEY IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF BYRON OF CANALAVE,
KNOWS ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU THREE HAVE DONE,
AND ABOVE ALL, TRAINED DIA
IS THAT SO!!


ON THE OTHER HAND I HAVE BEEN A FATHER FOR MANY YEARS NOW
I'VE SPENT ALL OF MY TIME BATTLING, AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT MY OWN SON WAS IN THE FRONT LINES OF SUCH A MAJOR EVENT
UNTIL RILEY TOLD ME

I MUST BE THE WORST FATHER TO PEARL
THAT'S NOT TRUE
PEARL ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT YOU WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE

LIKE HOW HE GOT THE ABILITY TO KNOW WHAT MOVE A POKEMON IS GOING TO USE JUST BY SEEING ITS POSTURE FROM YOU...
HE WAS VERY PROUD...


I ONLY HAVE MY POWER AND RESOLVE
BECAUSE I RECEIVED IT FROM PEARL DURING OUR TRAVELS!
I AM THE ONE WHO IS INDEBTED!

H-NOW IS IT, THORTON?
CAN YOU FIX IT?

OF COUR-SE!!
I'M ALMOST DONE!